

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Approved: 6/12/24

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Wayne Banks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Wayne Banks, Chairman
Jessica McCarthy, Commissioner
Sue Romano, Commissioner
Jim Archibald, Commissioner

Absent:

Tom Alexander, Vice-Chairman
Mark Campbell, Commissioner

Also Present:

Edward Mello, Town Administrator
Bart Totten, Harbormaster
Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk

II. Old Business

A. Amendments to the Harbor Management Rule Book to include language regarding the use of East Ferry Touch and Go Docks and Ferry Dock – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote;

Town Administrator Mello announced that Steven Bois had resigned as the Executive Director of the Harbor Office this morning. The focus right now is ensuring staffing and infrastructure are ready for the boating season, and naming an interim director and/or advertising for a new director will take place later. There was some discussion.

Town Administrator Mello enumerated the revisions to the Harbor Management Rule Book that would include how the two touch and go docks and the concrete dock at East Ferry would be used, managed, and permitted, and the fees that would be associated with those permits. Attorney Christian Infantolino, representing Conanicut Marine Services, had submitted some language clarifications to the proposed revisions, and Town Administrator Mello also went over those suggestions. The fines that could be imposed for any violations would be either \$75.00 or \$100.00, depending on the violation, payable by mail. There was some discussion.

Commissioner Romano made a motion to approve the Harbor Management Rule Book with the new language, incorporating the changes contained in Mr. Infantolino's letter, and it was seconded by Chairman Banks. So voted: Chairman Banks: Aye; Commissioner McCarthy, Nay; Commissioner Romano, Aye; Commissioner Archibald, Nay. The motion did not pass.

Town Administrator Mello stated that Item B on the agenda, Amendments to the Permit Fee Schedule is somewhat irrelevant with the failure of the passage of the first item. There was more discussion, especially about the designation of the concrete dock as the "ferry" dock. Paul Sprague, of Mast Street, discussed the concrete floating dock and why it should only be used by the Jamestown/Newport Ferry. He also supplied a page of the lease transfer between Conanicut Marina and TPG, along with a map of the East Ferry area.

There being no further business, Commissioner Romano made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Chairman Banks. So voted: 4 aye, 0 nay, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest,



Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk